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some benefit from LB 302, based on student growth, it's still not enough to maintain NECC as we wish to have it maintained. NECC is a very, very successful institution. It covers 20 counties. And our solution does not go one inch beyond those 20 counties. Instead of coming and saying, let's do this, let's do that, here's a solution, there's a solution, our solution to this problem is, we need your permission to tax ourselves, the 20 counties covered by NECC. And we will tax ourselves for what we think is the sparse period, the dry spell. This would give us one cent additional levy for the year 2003-2004. It would give us a cent and a half for 2004-2005, two cents for 2005-2006, two and a half for 2006-2007. And thereupon, it dies, and we're back to the six cents that we have now. Northeast Community College has been a success in every sense of the word. We have affiliate programs with Wayne State, the other state colleges. People in our northeast Nebraska communities can go there for the first two years of their college career, they can work at their jobs while they're doing that, they can live with their families, and they can get their education. The promise made to them is, if you take the courses we tell you to take and pass them, every course, every credit hour will transfer. It's been a wonderful thing. Northeast Community College has also been at the front of teaching people particular skills. And as a matter of fact, if we are trying to attract a company in northeast Nebraska that requires particular skills, NECC will set up to teach those skills, and they'll teach them in sites. There's 78 sites in those 20 counties where people can go to college, and they can do so in their home environment. We need this help. We are not asking the state to give us aid. We're not asking for more money. We're not taking the bread from anyone's mouth. We are saying, let us tax ourselves. I think that is eminently fair. And we will do so only during that period of time we think that it's necessary. I'll mention something else. When LB 601 was being heard by the Revenue Committee, and this bill is still in Revenue Committee, one of the people testifying said that the people in Norfolk are not spendthrift. The way this is structured, if you will look on your gizmo, or look on your copy of AM1286, you will see that we've built in some strictures. And I would point out that those strictures primarily run to the board, but they allow for a public hearing. They require a public hearing. And the